

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
July 15, 2021  
Amended per Board Members

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on July 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrison County Utility Authority Board Room, at 10271 Express Drive in Gulfport, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD AND STAFF:

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director  
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director  
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director  
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director  
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

AUDIENCE:

Brett Pund, The Focus Group  
Charles Roberts, Pelican Waste  
Derrel Wilson, H2O

Letters of Designations are attached hereto as exhibit "A".

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, representing City of Biloxi, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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**A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**  
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**B. Public Comments**

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated July 15, 2021**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated July 15, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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**D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 1, 2021**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated July 1, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 1, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Financial Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained the budget is on track although certain increases reflect emergency repairs due to Emergency Repairs for Espy Road.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on areas of the Financial Report that listed percentage rates at 100% including explanation of the IT Department percentages.

Mr. Wilson explained areas of increase to Water Department are due to electrical strikes and cost for damages for water repairs. The IT Department budget includes 10 plants, 52 pump stations, garbage, office administration and costs are split and allocated through several areas. They maybe high in one area and offset in another.

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich requested from Alan Lane to verify that the spelling of names of streets for Waste Management/Pelican Waste records to match the spelling of names of streets with the City of Biloxi records.

The Board accepted the Financial Report for June 2021 as presented. No action required. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Marketing Report**

Mr. Brett Pund, The Focus Group, presented the Marketing Report for the month of June 2021. The focus for the month of June was educating the public on debris guidelines. Ads combined with post reached over 118,000 people on the debris guidelines posted. The quarterly newsletter included the debris guidelines, and a release went out to local media on the debris guidelines. The Focus Group will continue reaching the public with the debris guidelines.

The Board accepted the Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**G. Action Items**

- 1. Old Business
- 2. New Business

**G2a. Distribution List – Solid Waste Guidelines Flyer**

Mr. John Wilson explained after review of the distribution cost (\$15,000 - \$20,000) associated with the mailing of debris guidelines to 47,000 residents on garbage routes, a decision was made to contact elected officials and various departments of the member agencies and request assistance with distribution of debris guidelines. Information generated to elected officials will aid in their assistance with complaints from the public regarding debris disposal. Mr. Wilson added that there will also be a process to distribute post storm debris guidelines as member agencies contracts for storm debris disposal.

No action required. A copy of the Distribution List – Solid Waste Guidelines Flyer is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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**G2b. Salvage Bar Screen**

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Bar Screen is located at the South Gulfport plant and

an engineer with HCDC has requested the bar screen. The bar screen was designed as an add-on, has not been in operation since 1995, and has no value other than scrap value. The salvage process would be tracked through procurement, but an assigned value is required. Mr. Wilson recommends an assigned value of less \$1,000.00 equal to scrap value and transfer the bar screen to Development Commission.

Mayor George Bass made motion to transfer mechanical bar screen and conveyor motor to HCDC, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Salvage Bar Screen is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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**G2c. Water & Sewer Service Policy - Approval**

Mr. John Wilson explained, March 2020 there was a Service Jurisdiction Clause in the Water & Sewer Service Policy, at this time, there are no changes being requested regarding the clause.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to table Water & Sewer Service Policy for future discussion after the Technical Committee reviews the policy, seconded by Mayor George Bass and seconded by Supervisor Marlin for current discussion.

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich noted, Water & Sewer Service Policy in discussion.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner disagreed and thought discussion of service jurisdiction is Board responsibility and not the Technical Committee.

Mr. Jim Simpson, Council, noted that presented before the board is changes for NSF fees and rate changes for customers. Potential policy change is not being presented for action. A unanimous vote is required on the Water & Sewer Service Policy and Supervisor Connie Rockco is absent.

A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye

Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Water & Sewer Service Policy - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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**G2d. Reverse Auction – 2 Pumps for Nicholson PS – Approval to Adopt**

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Reverse Auction for 2 Pumps for Nicholson PS is for approval to bid out (2) two 75 hp pumps, purchasing pumps for the contractor to use for the Nicholson Pump Station, as part of the Long Beach Project. Revisions from Project 1 rebid, includes HCUA providing pumps. The cost is allocated from the project money.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Reverse Auction – 2 Pumps for Nicholson PS Approval to Adopt, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Reverse Auction – 2 Pumps for Nicholson PS – Approval to Adopt is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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**G2e. CL2 & S02 Gas Chemical – Contract Extension with Allied - Approval**

Mr. John Wilson explained, CL2 & S02 Gas Chemical – Contract Extension with Allied, is a request for a contract extension. HCUA is in second year of a (3) three year contract. We request an extension of the contract for a third year at the sole discretion of HCUA.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve CL2 & S02 Gas Chemical – Contract Extension with Allied - Approval, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		



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**I. Executive Director's Report**

There was no Executive Director's Report presented.

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**J. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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**K. Adjourn** – At this time Mayor Billy Hewes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)		
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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